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In Application of:)

Dupret, *et al.*)

Group Art Unit: 1637

Application Number: 09/840,861)

Examiner: Young J. Kim

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For: PROCESS FOR IN VITRO CREATION OF RECOMBINANT POLYNUCLEOTIDE
SEQUENCES BY ORIENTED LIGATION

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Sir:

Responsive to the Final Office Action mailed April 20, 2005 ("the Office Action"),
Applicant submits the following Reply. This Reply is provided in the following format:

Amendment to the Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

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